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1. Sexual assault is a crime that effects all Marines directly or indirectly regardless of gender, race or age. That is why it is every Marines responsibility to help prevent any incidents of sexual assault within the Marine Detachment and the Marine Corps. Nothing has a more corrosive effect on good order and discipline than a sexual assault.

2. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent. The reference contains guidance for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault.

3. It is our duty as Marines to respond to our fellow Marine's call for help when he or she is a victim of sexual assault. This type of response should be treated with the same veracity as a call for help on the battlefield. Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know (i.e. the unit commander, MPs, or NCIS).

4. We are professionals at all times and must ensure that we always establish a professional environment that is void of sexual innuendo, connotation, and/or intimidation. Bystander intervention is key to always establishing a professional environment. This includes assisting a Marine make the right decision if they do not have the clarity to make it on their own.

5. Whether you are a witness to acts of sexual assault of any degree or a victim of sexual assault contact your Uniformed Victim Advocate, medical personal, law enforcement officials or someone you trust that will ensure you receive immediate care and support. The personal safety of victims who have the courage to report will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Assistance for victims is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Ensure you act and get the necessary help.


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